

**Nitrogen (Ammonia or TKN) by Titrimetric, Following Distillation**  
**SM 19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> Ed. 4500-NH<sub>3</sub> B+C**

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Facility Name: \_\_\_\_\_ VELAP ID \_\_\_\_\_

Assessor Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Analyst Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Inspection Date \_\_\_\_\_

Relevant Aspect of Standards	Method Reference	Y	N	N/A	Comments
Records Examined: SOP Number/ Revision/ Date _____ Analyst: _____					
Sample ID: _____ Date of Sample Preparation: _____ Date of Analysis: _____					
Are all samples distilled prior to titration? <i>40CFR136 allows distillation by EPA 350.1 Rev. 2.0, SM18, 19, 20, 21Ed. 4500-NH<sub>3</sub>B, SM online 4500-NH<sub>3</sub>B-97, and AOAC 973.49.</i>	4500-NH <sub>3</sub> C.1				
<b>Distillation:</b> Is 500-mL dechlorinated sample or for < 100 mg/L 1000-mL sample used?	4500-NH <sub>3</sub> B 4.b				
Is 25-mL Boric Acid added and pH adjusted to 9.5 with 6N NaOH using a pH meter?	4500-NH <sub>3</sub> B 4.b				
Is distillation rate 6 to 10 mL/min with tip of the delivery tube below the surface of 50-mL boric acid solution?	4500-NH <sub>3</sub> B 4.c				
Is at least 200-mL collected and then diluted to 500-mL?	4500-NH <sub>3</sub> B 4.c				
<b>Titration:</b> Is ammonia-free water used in making all reagents and dilutions?	4500-NH <sub>3</sub> C.3				
Are mixed indicator solution and indicating boric acid solution prepared at least monthly?	4500-NH <sub>3</sub> C.3				
Is sample determined as: 5-10 mg/L level use 250 mL; 10-20 mg/L use 100 mL; 20-50 mg/L use 50.0 mL; 50-100 mg/L use 25.0 mL	4500-NH <sub>3</sub> C.1				
Is 0.02N H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> titrant standardized to 0.0200N per SM19th Ed. 2320B.3c, or is 0.0200N titrant purchased? If standardizing, use the amount of Na <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> that has been incorporated into the indicating boric acid solution.	4500-NH <sub>3</sub> C.3.c				
For sludge or sediment samples, is wet portion weighed and distilled, collecting 100 mL distillate for titration? The amount weighed is equivalent to approximately 1 g dry weight.	4500-NH <sub>3</sub> C.4.b				
Are samples titrated with 0.02N H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> titrant until indicator turns pale lavender?	4500-NH <sub>3</sub> C.4.c				
Is a blank carried through all steps of the procedure, and is the necessary correction applied to the results?	4500-NH <sub>3</sub> C.4.d				
Notes/Comments:					